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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: USIA Request for an Ideological Study of Chinese Communism

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1. Ed Carroll asked me at lunch today if it was possible [redacted] to undertake subject study inasmuch as State Department was not in a position to do so. The study he explained (and later showed me a copy of an internal memorandum on the subject) would be a thorough and scholarly presentation of Chinese Communism theory, practice, and public statements. I told him that I believed a certain amount of work had been done in this field about a year ago and that if I remembered correctly, FDD had analyzed Chinese Communist leaders' (both political and intellectual) statements and writings with a view to determining the extent, if any, they deviate from the Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin approach. In fact, FDD tried to determine whether Mao Tsung should be added to the lineage. I assured him that I would check and see what was available.

2. I have since called Carroll and advised him to obtain FDD Research Aids 1, 2, 3, and 5, inasmuch as they represent, as indicated above, an analysis of Chinese Communist ideology. I also advised him to obtain when it was available the results of a current FDD study for PP on the anti-foreign slogans used by the Chinese for the last several years. [redacted] advised me that his propaganda analysis staff has done bits and pieces pertinent to an understanding of the Chinese Communist ideology and these could be made available to USIA.

3. When Carroll requests the FDD [redacted] material, which I advised him to do through regular channels, he will at my suggestion have OCD inquire as to any pertinent research on above subject done by OIS or DD/P.

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